

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A bucket tackle system for organizing, transporting and storing of fishing rods and reels, said bucket tackle system comprising:

 a bucket having a closed bottom base and a cylindrical side wall extending upwardly from said closed bottom base and terminating in an open end;

 a fishing rod and reel holder insert assembly including a flat disc portion, a plurality of end cap members fixedly secured to said disc portion, and a plurality of hollow tubular members having a first end and a second end;

 the first end of each of said plurality of tubular members being fixedly secured to a corresponding one of said plurality of end cap members so as to be vertically extending therefrom;

 the second end of each of said plurality of tubular members being formed with opposed first and second slots adapted for holding handle portions of the fishing rods and reels; [[and]]

said opposed first slot consisting of a U-shaped
cut-out having a width of about one inch and a height of
about two and one-fourth inches; and

a cover having a plurality of openings, said
openings being aligned with the first ends of said
plurality of tubular members so that said cover is
slidable down over the tubular members and is engageable
with the open end of the bucket,

whereby the handle portions of the fishing rods and
reels are insertable into corresponding ones of the
plurality of tubular members and are supported and
maintained in a vertical position adjacent to each other.

2. (Original) A bucket tackle system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said bucket has a cylindrical shape for holding a five-gallon capacity.

3. (Original) A bucket tackle system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said bucket is molded of a one-piece construction of plastic material.

4. (Original) A bucket tackle system as claimed in Claim 1,

wherein said plurality of end cap members and said plurality of tubular members are made of a plastic material.

5. (Original) A bucket tackle system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said plurality of end cap members and said plurality of tubular members are made of a polyvinyl chloride material.

6. (Original) A bucket tackle system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said cover is made of a plastic material.

7. (Original) A bucket tackle system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said each of said plurality of tubular members has length of about twenty inches and a diameter of about one and one-half inches.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A bucket tackle system as claimed in Claim [[8]] 1, wherein said opposed second slot consist of a U-shaped cut-out having a width of about one inch and a height of about one inch.

10-20. (Cancelled)